

11 Marble St.  
Roxbury 20, Mass.

Mr. Manley:-

First, my zone number is twenty. The reason for the mistake is the two postoffices that are quite close to my home. The nearest is nineteen and I thought it was my post office much to my mistake. Also my phone number is Garrison GAR. 7086.

Now about baseball, you claim that there is a great difference in my asking price and your paying price. In the first place you offered no price. You speak of my inactivity of two years and my asking for so much more money.



3) I love baseball and all that, but I don't love it beyond reason. I think I've got a few more seasons left, but first I've got to look out for my own responsibility now, and I intend to.

You invite me to come to training camp. Now, I would like that, only I'm not asking for a try-out. Anyhow aside from the absence of any transportation money in your letter, I am working on an Army contract on my job as I've told you and it won't be finished at the earliest April 7th.

I don't think we can come to any terms at all, so I would like to

Well, I've been playing a pretty good <sup>12</sup> brand of ball up here the past ~~for~~ two years. As for more money, you make a poor comparison with the salary I got when prices and the cost of living were normal and now when everything is up three and perhaps four times higher. Besides I have more responsibility now. I have a pretty good job and would be silly to ask for a salary less. I don't believe you know anyone who would. I'm not trying to be difficult in any way but you could try looking at it from my side of things. You haven't offered me anything at all, yet you say I'm a headache.



4 | see what the Stars could offer or  
the Cubans.

There's no hard feelings on my part, but  
I think I've been regarded as a dumb  
little boy, which I'm not. I always  
thought the procedure was to offer another  
price when the ~~offer~~ first price was  
disagreeable to the owner.

Well, ~~to~~ if I don't hear from you  
good luck this coming season.

Sincerely yours

Francis Matthews.